

HOMILY CHRISTMAS CHILDREN'S MASS YRA 2019

Read the book *Santa's Favorite Story: Santa Tells the Story of the First Christmas* by Hisako Aoki and Ivan Gantshev.

What are we celebrating today? Jesus birthday.

How many of you think Santa will come to your house tonight and bring your presents? How many of you are excited about that? It is exciting and fun but we have to remember why we are celebrating Christmas. Christmas is all about Jesus. Santa gives you gifts once a year for Christmas, but Jesus give you gifts all years long. Jesus created all of the people in your life and gave them to you as a gift. Who are some of the people in your life that you are thankful for? Why are you thankful for them? We have to be thankful to Jesus for all of the gifts he gives us all year long.

Today is Jesus birthday, so let's sing Happy Birthday to him.

There is a gift up here so lets open it up and see what is inside.

Blessing of the nativity set.